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ANNUAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,
ROOM 49, CITY HALL,

BOSTON, February 1, 1916.

Hon. JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor of the City of Boston:—

SIR,—In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 22, of the Revised Ordinances, the Trustees for Children present their Annual Report for the financial year ending Jan. 31, 1916, this being the nineteenth year of the Children's Institutions Department, and the fifty-eighth year of the Institutions Department.

The members of the Board and the times of expiration of their appointments are as follows:—

JOHN O'HARE, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	May 1, 1918.
Miss ELIZABETH M. NEEDHAM, <i>Secretary</i>	"			1919.
LOUIS A. GINSBURG	.	.	.	" 1920.
JAMES J. BACIGALUPO	.	.	.	" 1916.
Miss MARGARET FOLEY	.	.	.	" 1916.
ISAAC G. ROSENBERG	.	.	.	" 1917.
JAMES P. MURPHY	.	.	.	" 1919.

During the past year forty-five regular and adjourned meetings of the Trustees have been held. Mr. Louis A. Ginsburg was reappointed Trustee. The Board sustained a loss in the death of Mr. James P. Cleary, who died in the early part of the year. Mr. Cleary had served on the Board for nearly ten years, part of the time which he was Secretary. He was kind, conscientious, a real friend of the neglected and dependent children, and his efficient services will long be missed. Mr. James P. Murphy was appointed to fill the vacancy. The standing committees are:—

Committee on Finance. — ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

Committee on Schools. — Miss NEEDHAM, Mr. BACIGALUPO and Dr. ROSENBERG.

Committee on Placing-Out Division. — Miss FOLEY, Mr. GINSBURG and Miss NEEDHAM.

Committee on Releases. — The CHAIRMAN, Miss NEEDHAM and Mr. MURPHY.

Committee on Legislation. — Mr. BACIGALUPO, Dr. ROSENBERG and Mr. GINSBURG.

The members of the Board serve on the Visiting Committee for the Suffolk School for Boys. The Trustees also visit the children placed out in families and institutions at intervals.

The children under the care of the Board are classed as follows:—

(a.) Delinquent children at the Suffolk School for Boys (Rainsford Island) and probationers therefrom.

(b.) Dependent and Neglected children boarded or placed free in families (usually in the country), and a number in the care of schools for defectives or other hospitals or institutions not under the management of the Trustees, where

they have been placed for training or hospital treatment at the expense of this Department.

The total number of children now in the care of the Department is 1,474, or 55 more than at the beginning of the year, divided as follows:—

In the Suffolk School for Boys	144
On probation from the Suffolk School for Boys,	312
Dependent children	797
Neglected children	221
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Total	1,474

The total number of children admitted to the care of the Department during the year was 286, divided as follows:—

Delinquent children	105
Dependent “	147
Neglected “	34
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Total	286

The total number of children discharged from the Department during the year was 231, divided as follows:—

From Suffolk School for Boys	1
“ Suffolk School for Boys, probationers .	77
“ Dependent and Neglected children .	153
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Total	231

One hundred and thirteen boys from the Suffolk School for Boys were released on probation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The total net cost of the maintenance of the Children's Institutions Department for the year was \$160,705.64, which, divided among the whole average number of children (1,466) makes an average per capita expense of \$109.57 for the year, or \$2.10 per week.

An analysis of the expenses of the Placing-Out and Office Division, and the Suffolk School for Boys, is given in Tables 2B to 2F, inclusive.

The net cost of the Placing-Out and Office Division, with its estimated share of the office expenses amounted to \$119,650.84. This includes a charge of \$1,069.82 on account of the decrease in the inventory of clothing on hand February 1, 1916, from the inventory of the year previous.

Of this amount, \$11,828.29 has been paid for the board of children in the Massachusetts Hospital School at Canton and the Massachusetts State Infirmary.

The remainder, \$107,822.55, has been paid for an average of 650 children boarded in families and an average of 275 children in free homes. Taking together all children placed in families (925) we find the average per capita cost for the year to be \$116.56, or \$2.24 per week.

The total net cost of caring for the delinquent children was \$42,124.62, of which \$40,105.34 was used for the Suffolk School for Boys, including an estimated share of the office expenses, \$500. Deducting \$2,500 as a portion of the amount spent for permanent improvements and furnishings, the average per capita cost for each boy actually in the Institution (136) was \$276.51 for the year, or \$5.30 per week.

The remainder, \$2,019.28, represents the amount expended on the visitation of boys on probation in their own homes and homes in the country, the clothing furnished by the Placing-Out and Office Division to some of these boys when going to country homes, and board paid for an average of three boys for the year. Taking together all delinquents, both in the Suffolk School for Boys and on probation (an average of

454), the average per capita cost for the year was \$92.79, or \$1.78 per week.

The Parental School land and buildings were transferred to the Boston City Hospital Department April 1, 1916. The expenditures for 1915 were \$432.32. Of this amount \$399.57 was paid for salaries of caretaker and watchman and upkeep, and the remainder, \$32.75, for miscellaneous bills not rendered until this year.

During the year two children attending High and Agricultural schools were assisted from the Sawyer Fund Income to the amount of \$98.75, the money being expended for tuition.

From the special appropriation for repairing wharf, fire protection, etc., at the Suffolk School for Boys, we have expended \$4,156.66, leaving a balance for further work of \$8,043.34.

SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Suffolk School for Boys is pleasantly located on Rainsford Island, Boston Harbor. The aim of this institution is to make these boys — delinquent children as we call them — strong and industrious, as well as to instill into their minds such educational training and moral principles as will tend to make them good citizens. A careful and conscientious study of every boy committed is necessarily required. With this object in view due observance must be given to the pupil's good qualities in order to draw them out, so that in time they may supersede or dominate his shortcomings or defects, and it is wonderful what potent factors kindness and encouragement are, in this achievement; for no wrong-doer was ever corrected by a sarcasm, but often driven further in the wrong way.

All these youths need is the opportunity, as they do not have equal chance with others; many of them are deprived of both parents, others have but one, so that while they are here is the golden opportunity of remolding their characters by exercising intelligent care and patience in teaching them that it is easier and pleasanter to do right than wrong.

The Trustees wish to call attention to the Superintendent's Report following, of the general good health of the pupils, as well as the shorter time of detention here. The latter bespeaks the good discipline of the School and the good behavior and obedience of the boys in return.

The academic work is deserving of commendation, and it is remarkable to note how quickly these boys improve, not only in penmanship but in their regular studies as well. This advancement may be partially due to the individual

instruction given by the teachers, combined with their regularity of attendance, proper food and routine.

Special attention is here given to the fundamentals in education. The study of Geography is both interesting and practical to the pupils. From their school-room windows they can, in imagination, locate countries across the water, and speculate on the cargo and destination of a passing vessel, and as to whether it is laden with war ammunition. The taste for good reading is fostered. In addition to the regular school library there is a regular deposit of books from the Boston Public Library. The Trustees take this opportunity to return thanks to the Library for its kindly co-operation in generously supplying books and magazines.

At the Closing Exercises, last year, the boys acted a Drama written by Miss Elizabeth M. Needham, one of the Trustees. It was entitled "The Day We Celebrate." The boys were applauded for the manner in which they rendered the arguments and speeches of the noble patriots, previous to and at the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

There is also opportunity here for education in shoe-making, where excellent work is done; carpentering, where the boys are given practical instruction, as can be seen from the piggery they have built, as well as in making repairs about the buildings. The class in painting did good and useful work, while that in printing does the printing for the Department, including this Report, and the laundry does the required work for the institution. These classes are under the supervision of Instructors. The boys take pride in their work and deserve encouragement for their efforts.

Point Cottage has been repaired, and is again occupied by the younger boys. There is need of another cottage, also.

There is no change in the religious instruction from last year. Rev. Father James Bric, S.J., conducts the Catholic services, and he is assisted by young women and young men who deserve the highest praise for the time and effort they make in so doing. Rev. Dr. George E. Stokes conducts the Protestant services, and Mr. N. I. Goodman instructs the Hebrew boys.

The Trustees take this opportunity to thank those who have aided and provided entertainment for the boys.

Kindly co-operation must bring good results in the encouragement it gives to the boy alone. His pathway in life is difficult and is beset with many obstacles, hence guidance and watchful care is needed to aid him to persevere and thus obtain the results of honest endeavor.

“ We build the ladder by which we rise,
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to the summit, round by round.”

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1916.

To the Trustees for Children:—

In accordance with the prescribed duties of the Superintendent, I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report for the year ending January 31, 1916:—

STATISTICS.

Number of boys in the School Feb. 1, 1915	.	121	
“ committed during the year	.	105	
“ returned from probation	.	32	
		—	258
“ released on probation	.	113	
“ transferred to State Reformatory,		1	
		—	114
“ in the School Jan. 31, 1916	.	.	144
Average daily attendance . . . 136			
“ age of boys committed	.	13.8	years.
“ age of boys released	.	15.1	years.
“ number of months spent in the School	.	13.84	
Weekly per capita cost	.	.	\$5.30

The average daily attendance has increased ten percent over last year. There have been 105 boys committed from the various Courts, an increase of 27 in numbers, and 34.61 in percentage over the number of commitments last year. There have been 32 boys returned from probation, an increase of three over last year. Four were committed for Truancy under Chapter 738, Acts of 1914. There were 113 released

on probation and one transferred to the State Reformatory at Concord. The average number of months spent in the School has been reduced from 15.98 to 13.84. The total expenditure was \$46,321.59 of which amount \$41,195 was appropriated by the City. The sum of \$1,577.66 was credited to but unused by this department. A revenue of \$6,704.25 was secured to us from the sale of the products of our several industries. For permanent improvements and machinery the sum of \$2,500 was expended.

HEALTH.

The report of the resident physician speaks for the general good health which has prevailed on the island: —

BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1916.

To SUPT. J. J. RYAN, *Suffolk School for Boys*: —

I herewith submit to you my report for the year ending January 31, 1916. There have been 1,173 cases treated in the Dispensary; of these twelve were sent to Long Island, where they made a good recovery. One boy was sent to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, where his trouble was corrected. We had a mild epidemic of influenza in December from which developed two cases of pneumonia. There were also two other cases in the early summer caused by going in bathing when the water was too cold. All recovered. The boys are encouraged to engage actively in athletics, and during the colder months provision is made for skating on the playground. As I write, the pond is frozen ready for the boys to enjoy the pleasant and healthful sport. The re-opening of Point Cottage was a great benefit to our breathing space in the dormitories, as the congestion was thereby relieved. There has been no case of mortality.

Yours respectfully,

RIVES TATUM, M.D.,

Resident Physician.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The school of letters has done commendable work during the year notwithstanding several changes among the teachers. The boys find little difficulty in continuing their work in the city schools when released, because individual care and instruction is given to each when necessary. Holidays have been observed with appropriate exercises. The school year ended June 16th. There was the usual exhibition in the corridors of the school work, and the results attained in the shoe, carpenter, printing and sewing departments. There was also an interesting exhibit arranged by the boys of the farm, including several displays of choice poultry stock. An out-door play

was presented on the hillside, in which boys dressed in colonial costume assumed those characters of 1776 who enacted the deliberations revolving about the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

The school equipment is good; the reading is supplemented by books and magazines from the Boston Public Library.

INDUSTRIES.

Besides supplying the School with shoes, slippers, printing, and furniture, our industries sold to other departments to the value of \$6,704.25. The classes in carpenter work erected a new piggery, having cement foundations and pens. The building will be extended this spring for the hennery. Many repairs about the institution buildings have been made by these classes. The farmers have supplied us with vegetables, milk, pork, beef, eggs, and fowl, as follows: —

Milk	13,040	pounds
Eggs	1,308	dozen
Pork	5,500	pounds
Beef	670	"
Fowl	535	"
Hubbard squash.....	3,500	"
Summer squash.....	1,500	"
Pumpkin.....	1,800	"
Rhubarb	2,500	"
Radishes	15	bushels
Lettuce	125	"
Beet greens.....	25	"
Green peas	17	"
Onions	55	"
String beans.....	40	"
Beets	75	"
Cucumbers.....	85	dozen
Green corn	500	"
Cabbage	800	heads
Carrots	45	bushels
Tomatos	42	"
Turnips	75	"
Parsnips	40	"
Spinach.....	75	"
Peppers.....	5	"
Parsley.....	5	"
Endive.....	50	"
Celery	400	bunches

The tailors have cut and made garments as follows: —

Shirts	387
Pants	309
Overalls	239
Towels	869
Tablecloths	21
Aprons.....	17
Night shirts	14
Pillow slips.....	168

They made 13,726 repairs on garments, and darned 4,952 pairs of stockings.

RELIGIOUS.

Religion is the foundation of character building. Without it there is no authority, no service, no obedience, no discipline. We are fortunate in having here among us such men as Rev. James J. Bric, S.J., Rev. George E. Stokes, D.D., and Mr. N. I. Goodman, who attend to our spiritual needs. They not only conduct services but assist us in many ways. They have the respect and confidence of the boys. Their private talks with the boys and with their parents are of great value. The young ladies and gentlemen who assist in the Sunday School work deserve our gratitude for their unselfish devotion.

GENERAL.

Again I wish to call to your attention the necessity of putting this School on the Cottage plan. All are agreed that the system is superior. The criticism advanced that the area is limited loses weight when the fact that this is not a farm school is taken into consideration. Our industries have been so developed that this is practically an Industrial School for delinquent boys. Over 90 percent of our boys go to the City when released, and if they have some working knowledge of tools or machinery their chances of obtaining employment are better than those of a boy with knowledge of farming. Industrial and pre-vocational education is receiving much attention in our public schools by all educators, and great encouragement from the State Board of Education. As most of our boys upon release find it necessary to go to work and earn their own living, it seems that industrial education gives them a better opportunity for a fair start.

As stated in previous reports it is my ambition to convert the present institution building into a trades building, if new cottage homes could be procured for boys and officers. This building was erected in 1852, by the State, as an almshouse, and condemned as a habitable building in 1895, when the inmates were removed to Long Island. A committee of the City Council last year recommended the erection of modern cottages and the occupation of the present building for trades and industries. I believe the time is present when a constructive plan for the building development of the School should be made.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Point Cottage, renovated and remodelled last year, is now occupied by a group of the smaller boys, under a competent master and matron, who act as the house father and mother.

The wharf has been repaired and re-planked.

A new cement piggery has been erected. This building will be extended to make room for the hens.

An auxiliary engine has been installed.

The engine room and boiler room have been made fire-proof.

The office, which served as a store-room for groceries, is being renovated and made fire-proof. The basement of the wooden annex has been fitted out for a store-room.

The ice-house is now a work-room and store-room for the engineering and plumbing departments.

Arrangements have been made with the Infirmary Department to furnish ice from week to week as needed.

The Public Works Department is at work carrying out plans for fire prevention and protection.

Painting and repairing necessary for the upkeep of the buildings has been done throughout the year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend that an engineer be detailed from a city department to draw plans and estimate the cost of filling bay between the ice-house and Point Cottage; that an engineer be detailed to draw plans and estimate cost for the building of a double cottage; that the institution building be converted into an industrial building as soon as other habitations can be provided; that some heating system be provided to supply the shoe and carpenter shops.

CONCLUSION.

I wish to thank the officers and friends of the institution who have encouraged me during the year, and present my compliments to the Board of Trustees, who have greatly aided me in the performance of my duties by their counsel, advice and moral support.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. RYAN,

Superintendent.

PLACING-OUT AND OFFICE DIVISION.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

During the past year the Placing-Out Division sustained a loss in the death of its General Agent, Mr. Daniel F. Lynch. Mr. Lynch had served in this capacity since 1911, the date of the retirement of Mr. John E. McCarthy, the originator and founder of this system. Mr. McCarthy willingly assumed charge of the Department, to the gratification of the Trustees, during the interval that elapsed preceding the appointment of the successor, Mr. George F. H. Murray. Mr. Murray came highly recommended for the position, and he was well equipped with experience from another municipal department.

A few words of explanation may be necessary to define the object of this Division. Its chief aim is the placing of the minor wards of the City in families to board. The importance of this work can be realized when it is considered that every child has a right to a free, happy childhood, consequently great care must be exercised in finding the right family for each child.

An idea of the details and scope of the work in this Department can be formed from the comprehensive Report of the General Agent. In addition it might be stated that he strictly adheres to the policy of the Trustees in placing every child in a family of the same religious belief as that of its parents. Every child is visited at least once in three months by our regular visitor, who takes a kindly interest in the welfare of their charges.

One item that is particularly worthy of note in the Report of the General Agent is the number of girls and boys enjoying the advantages of higher education. The children are worthy

of it — they are bright and promising. Your Trustee is often highly gratified when she enters the school-room and the teacher points with praise to the work of some of “our children,” and this is sometimes followed by recommendation from the earnest teacher that the child may be allowed to continue her studies in high school, and as one looks down into the bright, eager eyes of the child, beaming from her well earned praise, she feels it is only a pleasure and a privilege to consider the proposition.

The Sawyer Fund has been of assistance in this capacity. Our older girls and boys outside of school receive their share of attention and are advised and encouraged to save from their earnings and to regularly deposit the money in the bank. Glowing accounts, rivalling fiction, might be written from our files.

A word of praise must also be given to the “mothers” as our children love to call their foster-parents. They make many sacrifices that the children may continue at school, and be as well dressed as their neighbors. They cheerfully give them music lessons, and one “mother” made a tremendous sacrifice to enable her talented boy to attend an Art school. They care for the children through sickness, and the children in turn are most anxious to return the kindness.

Here it may be said that the earlier the children are placed in families where they are to remain, the better for the child, as the motive which induces one to take children of tender years is apt to be more disinterested than when they are old enough to be utilized as help. There are homes in abundance throughout our cities and our towns for every orphan child, if the people would but open their hearts and brighten their homes by studying in what way they may best show their love for their less fortunate fellow beings.

The Trustees wish to thank all those who have kindly given their co-operation and assistance.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL AGENT FOR THE PLACING-OUT AND OFFICE DIVISION.

BOSTON, Feb. 1, 1916.

To the Trustees for Children:—

The Report of the General Agent of the Placing-Out and Office Division of the Children's Institutions Department, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1916, is hereby respectfully submitted.

The death of the former Agent, Mr. Daniel F. Lynch, in March, 1915, caused a vacancy to which the present Agent was transferred from the Penal Institutions Department on June 21, 1915. In the interim Mr. John E. McCarthy, a former General Agent and organizer of the Division, voluntarily returned to the office from his well earned retirement and directed the work with his old time energy and enthusiasm. Upon assuming the work, the Division was found to be in excellent condition, and the office force well trained in general duties and enthusiastic in their different assignments.

The City of Boston, through this Division, supervises the custody, care and control of its minor wards, classed as follows:—

Dependent Children. Boys and girls, who, by reason of ill luck or sickness of parents or friends, are thrown upon the charity of the community.

Neglected Children. Boys and girls, who, through neglect, crime or misfortune of their parents, are committed by the Courts to the custody and care of the Trustees during their minority or for any less term.

Juvenile Delinquents. Boys, between the ages of eight and seventeen, on probation from the Suffolk School for Boys during their minority or for any less term.

On January 31, 1916, the end of the year, there were in charge of this Division 1,330 children, classed as follows:—

DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

In boarding houses	537
In free homes	190
In hospitals or other institutions	70

NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

In boarding homes	126
In free homes	83
In hospitals or other institutions	12

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS.

In their own homes	267
In free homes	21
In boarding homes	4
Self-supporting	4
In penal institution	1
Absconded (whereabouts unknown)	15

During the year there were 369 requests for admission as dependent children. Of this number 128, or 34.69 percent were accepted, in addition to 19 applications held over from the previous year; 63 were withdrawn, two of the applicants were refused as unsuitable, and 62 cases were awaiting further action by friends or other agencies, or required additional investigation. There were 114 cases referred to other agencies or institutions. (See Table No. 15). From the various courts, 34 neglected children were committed to the custody and care of the Board of Trustees.

When a dependent or neglected child is received at the office immediate attention is given to its condition. After the family history has been secured and a legal settlement established, the newcomer is freshly cleansed and clothed, and a thorough examination is made by the departmental physician. A suitable home is selected from the Department's list, and one of the visitors takes the new ward of the City to his or her future residence. Should hospital treatment be recommended or a special home where expert medical treatment can be obtained, particular care is exercised to select one which has had experience and success in the treatment of such delicate or deficient children. In accordance with the rule of the Board of Trustees, the child is always placed in a family of the same religion as that of its parents. An outfit of substantial clothing is sent with every child. Every three months a visit is made to the home by one of the staff of visitors, and no effort is spared to obtain happiness and content for the little one. Should serious illness or any emergency arise which might endanger its welfare, prompt notice is required from the boarding home. Correspondence between child and parents or relatives is permitted and encouraged through this office.

Juvenile delinquents, placed on parole by the Board of Trustees, are either returned to their parents or placed out

in homes away from large cities, where work is secured for them in order that they may be given an opportunity to become self-supporting and encouraged to prepare for the responsibility of manhood. Like the dependent and neglected children, they receive quarterly visits from an agent of the Department.

The general health of the children in care of the Division has been normal except during the last two months of the year, when there appeared in certain sections of the State small epidemics of children's sicknesses, none of which, however, proved fatal. Cases of whooping cough prove very annoying, and, as there is no hospital to take care of such cases, special arrangements have to be made and special homes pressed into service, not an easy matter at times. A very successful operation for appendicitis was performed on one of our wards in the Cape district. Fortunately, there was a prominent Boston surgeon summering in the vicinity, whose skill and advice saved the life of the little one. There have been seven deaths, four occurring at hospitals, two at boarding homes and one from accidental drowning. Four belonged to the dependent class, two to the neglected class, and one was a juvenile offender who was home on probation.

Two accidents occurred which nearly resulted seriously. Trespassing on prohibited land in the western part of the State a boy had one hand slightly burned by contact with a live wire. The electric-light company assumed all expenses for the medical treatment and the boy escaped without any serious results. Another boy, in the eastern part of the State, upon returning from school was slightly injured by an automobile truck. The case was reported to the City Law Department, and a settlement with the owner's insurance representatives is about to be consummated.

The education of minor wards has been diligently looked after. In order to afford them every possible opportunity and lay a solid foundation for success in after life, the Board has increased, as circumstances permitted, the number of promising children allowed to remain at their studies after reaching the age formerly regarded as self-supporting. This policy has, of course, entailed a corresponding increase of cost for the care of such children. Last year 20 girls and 10 boys over 14 years of age were continued in boarding homes, and attended school, an increase over the preceding period of 4 girls and 3 boys. Thirty-one girls and 16 boys in free homes were permitted to continue in schools, an increase of 9 girls and one boy. Twenty girls, or 39.21 percent of the whole number of girls attending school were in advance

schools, 19 being in high schools and one in a training school for nurses. Of the boys, there were 10 or 38.47 percent in advance schools, 8 being in high schools, one in a trade school, and one in an agricultural college.

Preventive dentistry having of late attracted the attention of those who have the care of children, the Division is giving every opportunity and offering every encouragement to its wards to remedy or correct any defects of dental hygiene. The Forsyth Dental Infirmary for children under 16, located in the Fenway, Boston, has been of inestimable benefit to many of our little ones living within the radius of Greater Boston. Our visitors have freely taken advantage of its established clinics. Those of our wards living at a greater distance are encouraged to go to their local dentists and have examinations made and work done.

War conditions are affecting the appropriation of this Division to a great extent. The unheard of increase in the cost of the different classes of drugs used in children's medicines, and in the cost of the various dye-stuffs used in the manufacture of wearing apparel, will be felt very much as the coming year progresses.

The most difficult cases to deal with are those of illegitimacy. The unfortunate mother, worried beyond distraction, but filled with love for her offspring, oftentimes is almost bereft of reason, and requires the most skilful handling in order to encourage her to return to the paths of rectitude and to make an effort to recreate her moral nature. The separation of the mother and child is avoided, if possible, by placing the mother in a home where she may be able to earn wages and keep her child with her.

Another difficulty arises in procuring suitable homes for feeble-minded children under five years of age. The State schools will not admit them under that age, and special terms are made with private families to care for them. For the treatment of congenital diseases the Long Island Hospital is the only institution open to us.

For the co-operation extended to this Division by the officials of the Boston City, Massachusetts, Long Island, Boston Floating, and Children's Hospitals, the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, and the Forsyth Dental Infirmary, on different occasions, our warmest thanks are due. I take this opportunity to make public acknowledgment of the many courtesies which we have received.

To the Rev. Michael J. Scanlon, of the Catholic Charitable Bureau, and to the members of the Overseers of the Poor of

Boston and other cities and towns, the Division is greatly indebted for many good offices.

To the several members of the Board of Trustees for their kind support and assistance, to Mr. John E. McCarthy, the former General Agent, whose advice, freely and generously given, was of the greatest value to me in assuming my new responsibilities, and to the different members of the office force who have given me their loyal and cordial co-operation, I offer my sincere thanks.

Respectfully,

GEO. F. H. MURRAY,

General Agent.

The Report of the Trustees for Children, including reports of officers of the Department, is respectfully submitted.

JOHN O'HARE, *Chairman.*

ELIZABETH M. NEEDHAM, *Secretary.*

LOUIS A. GINSBURG.

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APPENDIX.

GENERAL AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

TABLE NO. 1.

Comparisons of Admissions, including Court Commitments, for the past Ten Years.

YEAR.	DEPENDENT.	NEGLECTED.	TRUANTS.	JUVENILE OFFENDERS.	TOTAL.
1906.....	199	29	133	73	434
1907.....	190	32	139	125	486
1908.....	197	21	104	125	447
1909.....	208	32	91	89	420
1910.....	195	10	66	66	337
1911.....	242	24	54	94	414
1912.....	117	35	92	107	351
1913.....	137	32	70	92	331
1914.....	139	38	38	107	322
1915.....	147	34	..	105	286

During the year there were 137 juvenile offenders committed to the Suffolk School for Boys, 32 of whom had previously been released on probation.

Including these recommitments, there was a total of 318 children admitted during the year.

TABLE NO. 1 A.

Total in Charge by Classes and Present Placing at the end of Years 1912, 1913, 1914, and 1915.

	1912.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.	1914.	Percent.	1913.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.	1914.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.	TOTAL.	Percent.
DEPENDENT AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.																		
Boarded in families	436 } 106 }	64.42	. . .	. . .	496 } 122 }	62.43	463 } 104 }	63.14	. . .	. . .	496 } 122 }	62.43	. . .	. . .	537 } 126 }	65.13	. . .	. . .
Indentured in families (free homes) .	165 } 65 }	27.16	. . .	. . .	197 } 88 }	28.78	178 } 78 }	28.50	. . .	. . .	197 } 88 }	28.78	. . .	. . .	190 } 83 }	26.82	. . .	. . .
In Institutions	64 } 7 }	8.42	. . .	. . .	76 } 11 }	8.79	68 } 7 }	8.36	. . .	. . .	76 } 11 }	8.79	. . .	. . .	70 } 12 }	8.06	. . .	. . .
JUVENILE OFFENDERS.																	1,018	69.07
In Suffolk School for Boys	127	32.82	. . .	. . .	121	28.21	122	30.27	. . .	. . .	121	28.21	. . .	. . .	144	31.58	. . .	. . .
At home on probation	210	54.26	. . .	. . .	261	60.84	223	55.34	. . .	. . .	261	60.84	. . .	. . .	267	58.55	. . .	. . .
Boarded in families on probation	3	.78	. . .	. . .	2	.47	4	.99	. . .	. . .	2	.47	. . .	. . .	4	.88	. . .	. . .
Indentured in families on probation	30	7.75	. . .	. . .	30	6.99	32	7.94	. . .	. . .	30	6.99	. . .	. . .	21	4.60	. . .	. . .
Lost sight of	14	3.61	. . .	. . .	13	3.03	14	3.47	. . .	. . .	13	3.03	. . .	. . .	15	3.29	. . .	. . .
Doing for themselves	2	.52	. . .	. . .	1	.23	2	.50	. . .	. . .	1	.23	. . .	. . .	4	.88	. . .	. . .
In Penal Institutions	1	.26	. . .	. . .	1	.23	6	1.49	. . .	. . .	1	.23	. . .	. . .	1	.22	. . .	. . .
			387	25.21					403	25.84			429	30.23			456	30.93
Total . . . . .	. . .	100.00	1,535	100.00	. . .	100.00	. . .	100.00	1,560	100.00	. . .	100.00	1,419	100.00	. . .	100.00	1,474	100.00

TABLE NO. 2.

*Average Number of Children in Care of the Department during
the Year.*

Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children in Free Homes	275
Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children in Boarding Homes	650
Average number of Dependent and Neglected Children in Institutions	87
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Total average number of Dependent and Neglected Children	1,012
Average number of Juvenile Offenders in Suffolk School for Boys	136
Average number of Juvenile Offenders on Pro- bation from Suffolk School	*318
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Total average number of Juvenile Of- fenders	484
Total average in care of the Department	<hr/> 1,466 <hr/>

* Of this number an average of 41 were placed by the Placing-Out Division in country homes, for three of whom board was paid.

TABLE NO. 2 A.

Total and Average Cost of the Two Divisions.

Placing-Out and Office Division	\$122,658 76
Suffolk School for Boys	46,321 59
Total	<u>\$168,980 35</u>
Income from the two Divisions, (cash and bills forwarded to the City Collector,)	8,274 71
Total net cost	<u><u>\$160,705 64</u></u>
Average per capita cost of total number of children (1,466) under our care for the year	<u><u>\$109 62</u></u>
Average per capita expense of total number of children per week	<u><u>\$2 10</u></u>
Parental School.	
Expended	\$432 32
Income. Rental from stand on grounds	50 00
	<u><u>\$382 32</u></u>
Expended from Sawyer Marcella Street Home Fund Income	<u><u>\$98 75</u></u>
Expended from special appropriation for Suffolk School for Boys, repairing Wharf, Fire protection, etc.	<u><u>\$4,156 66</u></u>
Special appropriation, Parental School.	
Repairs on Hart Cottage	<u><u>\$320 40</u></u>

TABLE NO. 2 B.

Office Expenses.

Salaries	\$12,804 81
Printing	593 47
Postage	543 16
Expressage	433 60
Stationery	268 62
Telephone	232 62
Office expenses and library supplies	87 41
Total	<u><u>\$14,963 69</u></u>

Estimated proportion expended on work:

For the Suffolk School probationers .	\$1,500	
Suffolk School for Boys .	500	
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		\$2,000 00

Estimated amount expended on work for the		
Placing-Out Division	12,963 69	
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Total	\$14,963 69	
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TABLE NO. 2 C.

Placing-Out Division.

Board of children (including an average of 3 probationers)	\$77,424 92
Clothing and furnishings	10,486 20
Transportation (Visitation and travelling expenses)	4,825 44
Medical and surgical care and supplies, and spectacles	3,081 22
Expenses, account adoptions	40 00
Burials	9 00
Board of children at Massachusetts Hospital School, (average 56)	11,554 29
Board of children at Massachusetts State Infirmary,	274 00
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	\$107,695 07
Decrease in inventory of clothing Feb. 1, 1916, from Feb. 1, 1915	1,069 82
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Total	\$108,764 89

CREDITS.

Cash received account board of children, (sent to City Collector,)	\$1,547 50
Interest on Bank account (sent to City Collector)	10 96
Board paid for an average of 3 probationers	355 68
Clothing furnished delinquents on probation	163 60
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Total credits	\$2,077 74
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Net total	\$106,687 15
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TABLE NO. 2 D.

Expenditures of Placing-Out Division	\$106,687 15
Estimated proportion of office expenses expended on this Division	12,963 69
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	\$119,650 84
Cost of board of children at other institutions	11,828 29
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Net expenditures for dependent and neglected children in homes (free and boarding)	<u>\$107,822 55</u>

TABLE NO. 2 E.

Total cost of dependent and neglected children placed in families (average 925)	<u>\$107,822 55</u>
Per capita expense of dependent and neglected children in families	<u>\$116 56</u>
Of the average number of dependent and neglected children boarded during the year (650),	
The average cost of board per capita was	\$118 56
The average cost of clothing per capita (estimated),	14 45
The average cost of medical care per capita (esti- mated).	4 00
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Total	<u>\$137 01</u>
Of the total number of children placed-out in families the average number boarded dur- ing the year (including an average of 3 probationers) was	653
The average number on indenture (including an average of 38 probationers) was	313
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The total average of children in country homes (both free and boarding homes) was	<u>966</u>
The cost of board for these children was	\$77,424 92
Clothing	11,391 92
Transportation	4,825 44
Medical care	3,081 22
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Total	<u>\$96,723 50</u>
Per capita expense of children placed in families, including these items	<u>\$100 13</u>

TABLE NO. 2 F.

Suffolk School for Boys.

Salaries :

Superintendent	\$2,000 00	
Officers and Matrons	11,434 50	
Teachers	3,530 00	
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		\$16,964 50
Food and ice		8,672 33
Fuel and lights		4,741 73
Agricultural supplies		1,536 72
Furniture and utensils		1,489 18
Repairs and improvements		1,590 00
Clothing and bedding		744 39
Soap and disinfectants and laundry supplies		354 90
Medical supplies and spectacles		292 57
Entertainment		186 62
Postage, stationery, transportation, expressage		144 42
School and library supplies		118 61
Telephone		87 69
Repairs on piggery		1,500 00
Repairing telephone cable		251 89
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		\$38,675 55

Industries :

Shoemaking	\$7,179 08	
Printing	424 31	
Carpentry	42 65	
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		7,646 04

Estimated proportion of office expenses	\$500 00	
		<hr/>
		\$46,821 59

CREDITS.

Income from Shoe-shop	\$6,062 25	
Income from Printing Office	514 75	
Income from Carpentry	127 25	
Income from miscellaneous	12 00	
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Income (sent to City Collector)		6,716 25
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		\$40,105 34
Deducting for repairs on piggery, telephone cable, and other permanent improvements		2,500 00
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Net total		*\$37,605 34

* This includes the estimated proportion of office expenses (\$500).

Per capita expense of an average of 136 boys at the Suffolk School during the year	<u>\$276 51</u>
Per capita expense per week	<u>\$5 30</u>
Shoes made by the Shoe-shop for boys at the Insti- tution	\$1,590 78
Printing done by the Printing Office for the Institu- tion	<u>223 70</u>
Making an additional income of	<u>\$1,814 48</u>

TABLE NO. 3.

*Inventory, and Appraisal of Real and Personal Estate,
January 31, 1916.*

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES AND PLACING-OUT DIVISION.

Furniture, etc.	\$1,030 00
Stationery and office supplies	375 00
Clothing and dry goods	1,850 96
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Total	\$3,255 96
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SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

Land	\$21,000 00	
Buildings	45,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$66,000 00
Bedding, clothing and dry goods	4,000 00	
Household goods and furniture	5,000 00	
Coal	1,500 00	
School equipment and supplies	600 00	
Agricultural Department, equipment and supplies .	2,570 00	
Engineering Department, equipment and supplies,	5,000 00	
Shoemaking Department, equipment and supplies .	7,305 82	
Printing Department, equipment and supplies .	2,000 00	
Carpentry and Cabinet Department, equipment and supplies	2,000 00	
Power Boat, equipment and supplies	1,000 00	
Laundry Department, equipment and supplies .	1,500 00	
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Total	\$98,475 82	
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STATISTICS OF THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

TABLE NO. 4.

*Number Committed during the year ending January 31, 1916,
Classified by Offences.*

Offences against property :

	<i>Number.</i>	<i>Percent.</i>
Breaking and entering	18	13.14
Breaking, entering and larceny	14	10.22
Larceny	29	21.17
Attempted breaking and entering	6	4.38
Breaking glass	1	.73

Offences against the person :

Assault and battery	2	1.46
Larceny from the person	5	3.65

Other offences :

Truancy	4	2.92
Stubbornness	14	10.22
Idle and disorderly	1	.73
Delinquent	9	6.57
Drunkenness	1	.73
Vagrancy	1	.73
Returned by Trustees	32	23.35
Total	<u>137</u>	<u>100.00</u>

TABLE NO. 4 A

Commitments, Discharges, and Number of Inmates during the last Ten Years.

	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914	1915
Total number in the Suffolk School for Boys at the beginning of the years . . .	160	120	145	142	137	115	138	127	122	121
Total number committed . . .	84	139	164	103	85	109	107	92	107	137
Total number during each year . . .	244	259	309	245	222	224	245	219	229	258
Total number discharged . . .	124	114	167	108	107	86	118	97	108	114
Total number on the books of the Institution at the close of each year . . .	120	145	142	137	115	138	127	122	121	144

TABLE NO. 5.

Number Released on Probation and Discharged during the Year, and their Condition at end of Year.

	TOTAL.	Doing well.	Doing fair.	Conduct Poor.	Returned to the Suffolk School for Boys.
DISCHARGED FROM THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.					
Transferred to Massachusetts Reformatory	1				
Total discharged	1				
RELEASED ON PROBATION.					
To home, to attend school	29	19	4	2	4
To home, to work	76	51	12	5	9
To be indentured	8	4	1	.	2
Total number released on probation	113	74	17	7	15
Total discharged and released on probation	114				

TABLE NO. 6.

*Number Committed during the Year from each of the Court
Districts of the City.*

Roxbury	33
South Boston	18
East Boston	15
Dorchester	11
Charlestown	9
Juvenile	7
West Roxbury	6
Chelsea	4
Brighton	2
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	105
Returned	32
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Total	137
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TABLE NO. 7.

*Nativity, and Nativity of Father, of Boys Committed during
the Year.*

WHERE BORN.	NATIVITY.	PERCENT.	NATIVITY OF FATHER.	PERCENT.
Boston	98	71.53	8	5.84
Elsewhere in Massachu- setts	7	5.11	4	2.92
Elsewhere in United States	6	4.38	14	10.22
Foreign	26	18.98	111	81.02
Total	137	100.00	137	100.00

TABLE NO. 8.

Number Committed by Months during the Year.

February, 1915	.	.	12	September, 1915	.	.	16
March, "	.	.	16	October, "	.	.	15
April, "	.	.	8	November, "	.	.	11
May, "	.	.	11	December, "	.	.	12
June, "	.	.	9	January, 1916	.	.	5
July, "	.	.	9				
August, "	.	.	13	Total	.	.	137

TABLE NO. 9.

Age of Boys at Commitment and at Release on Probation during the Year.

AGE.	Number Committed.	Percent.	Number Released.	Percent.
7 years	1	.73		
9 "	1	.73		
10 "	6	4.38	1	.86
11 "	10	7.29	6	5.26
12 "	14	10.22	4	3.51
13 "	24	17.52	5	4.39
14 "	31	22.63	14	12.28
15 "	29	21.17	27	23.69
16 "	14	10.22	35	30.71
17 "	5	3.65	20	17.54
18 "	2	1.46	2	1.76
Totals	137	100.00	114	100.00
Average age	13.8	....	15.1	

TABLE NO. 10.

*Boys Discharged or Released during the Year, Classified by
Duration of Commitment.*

7 months or less	13	17 months or less	3
8 " " 	9	18 " " 	2
9 " " 	8	19 " " 	4
10 " " 	12	20 " " 	0
11 " " 	9	21 " " 	2
12 " " 	15	22 " " 	2
13 " " 	10	23 " " 	2
14 " " 	8	24 " or over.....	9
15 " " 	5		
16 " " 	1	Total.....	114

Average number of months, spent in the Suffolk School
for Boys by all boys discharged or released . . . 13.84

TABLE NO. 11.

Conditions and Conduct at end of Year 1915 of all Boys on Probation outside the Suffolk School for Boys, subject to the Control of the Trustees.

CONDITIONS AND CONDUCT.	In Institutions.	On Probation. At home.	On Probation. On indeture and boarding.	On Probation. Working inde- pendently.	All boys on probation.	
						<i>Percent.</i>
Doing well . . . . .	. . . . .	250	18	3	271	86.86
Conduct fair . . . . .	. . . . .	11	6	1	18	5.77
Conduct unsatisfactory . . . . .	. . . . .	6	1	. .	8	2.56
Have been in other penal institutions	1					
Whereabouts and conditions unknown . . . . .	. . . . .	6	9	. .	15	4.81
Total	1	273	34	4	312	100.00

TABLE NO. 12.

Status of all Boys under Twenty-one whose Names were on the Books of the Suffolk School for Boys from May 1, 1895, to January 31, 1916.

IN THE SUFFOLK SCHOOL FOR BOYS.....	144	
At home.....	238	
At home (attending school)	29	
Boarding	4	
Indentured (working)	12	
Indentured (at school)	9	
Working independently	4	
In penal institutions other than the Massachusetts Reformatory	1	
Lost sight of temporarily	15	
	—	312
DISCHARGED FROM THE CARE OF THIS DEPARTMENT.		
Released to go out of State	105	
In United States Army	32	
In United States Navy and Marine Corps	103	
In United States Revenue Cutter Service	1	
Committed to Industrial School at Shirley	14	
Committed to Massachusetts Reformatory this year,	12	
Committed to Massachusetts Reformatory, former		
years	201	
Deported	1	
Discharged to Massachusetts State Prison.....	5	
“ to parents as unfit subjects.....	2	
“ to Sockanosset School	2	
“ to Lyman School.....	2	
“ to Parental School.....	2	
“ to Insane Hospital	2	
“ to School for Feeble-Minded	8	
“ to Home for Destitute Catholic Chil-		
dren	2	
“ to Pauper Department.....	1	
“ on account of error in commitment ...	2	
“ on decision of Corporation Counsel	1	
“ on writ of habeas corpus	3	
“ on order of Trustees.....	368	
Fine cases discharged at expiration of sentence or		
on payment of fine.....	199	
Discharged on arriving at the age of twenty-one..	320	
Died	41	
	—	1,429
NAMES OCCURRING MORE THAN ONCE ON THE RECORDS.		
Returned to Suffolk School for Boys this year	32	
Returned to Suffolk School for Boys previously....	277	
Recommitted to Suffolk School for Boys by the		
courts this year	3	
Recommitted to Suffolk School for Boys by the		
courts previously.....	45	
	—	357
Total	2,242	

TABLE NO. 13.

Occupation of Boys outside of the Suffolk School for Boys (subject to the control of the Trustees) having Employment January 31, 1916.

Errand boys	16	<i>Brought forward</i>	63
Ushers	4	Check boy	1
Teamsters	20	Restaurants	1
Messenger boys	4	Milkman	1
Porters	5	Paper boys	2
Grocer boys	4	Deck hand	1
Longshoreman	5	Tannery	1
Laundry	2	Clerk	1
Shipper	1	Drafting office	1
Elevator boys	2		—
	—		72
<i>Carried forward</i>	63		

Employed in factories	5
“ stores	6
“ shoe shops	17
	—
	28

Machine shop	16
Garage	2
Upholstering	1
Printers	8
Ship-fitting	2
Carpenters	1
Marine firemen	2
Electricians	2
	—
	34
 Total	 134

STATISTICS OF THE PLACING-OUT DIVISION.

TABLE NO. 14.

Total Number of Investigations during the Year.

INVESTIGATIONS.	NUMBER.	PERCENT.
For admission	1,086	41.
Miscellaneous	1,107	41.79
Of boarding homes	124	4.68
Of free homes	62	2.34
For adoption and guardianship	6	.23
For release from Placing-Out Division	110	4.15
For release from Suffolk School for Boys (to parents' homes)	122	4.60
For return to Suffolk School for Boys from probation	32	1.21
Total	2,649	100.00

TABLE NO. 15.
Disposal of Applications for Admission of Dependent Children during the Year.

DISPOSAL.	SETTLEMENT IN BOSTON.		SETTLEMENT NOT IN BOSTON.		SETTLEMENT NOT OBTAINED.		TOTAL.	
	1915.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.
Admitted	127	48.86	1	1.01	.	.	128	34.69
Pending	55	21.16	.	.	7	.70	62	16.80
Withdrawn	54	20.77	.	7.07	2	.20	63	17.08
Refused	2	.77	.	.	.	.	2	.54
Referred to State Minor Ward Department . . . . .	.	.	86	86.87	1	.10	87	23.58
“ Overseers of Poor, Boston	1	.38	.	.	.	.	1	.27
“ St. Mary’s Infant Asylum	1	.38	.	.	.	.	1	.27
“ Mass. Society Prevention Cruelty to Children,	1	.38	.	.	.	.	1	.27
“ Home for Destitute Catholic Children	3	1.16	1	1.01	.	.	4	1.09
“ Long Island Hospital	9	2.30	.	.	.	.	6	1.63
“ Boston City Hospital	1	.38	1	1.01	.	.	2	.54
“ Children’s Aid Society	2	.77	.	.	.	.	2	.54
“ State School for Feeble-Minded	3	1.16	.	.	.	.	2	.54
“ Hospital for Epileptics	1	.38	.	.	.	.	3	.81
“ South End Day Nursery	1	.38	.	.	.	.	1	.27
“ Catholic Charitable Bureau	1	.38	.	.	.	.	1	.27
“ Overseers of Poor, elsewhere	2	.77	.	2.02	.	.	2	.54
“ Division State Adult Poor . . . . .	.	.	1	1.01	.	.	1	.27
Total	260	100.00	99	100.00	10	100.00	369	100.00

Nineteen dependent children were admitted this year for whom application had been made last year.

TABLE NO. 16.

Number of Dependent and Neglected Children Admitted during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Dependent Children	83	64	147
Neglected Children	21	13	34
Total.....	104	77	181

TABLE NO. 17.

Nativity, Parent Nativity (Father), and Color of Children Received during the Year.

	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.	
	1915.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.
Native born	145	98.64	34	100.
Foreign born	2	1.36		
Total	147	100.00	34	100.
White	143	97.28	34	100.
Colored.....	4	2.72		
NATIVITY OF FATHER.				
Native born	33	22.44	8	23.53
Canada and Provinces ..	12	8.17	9	26.47
Foreign born	77	52.38	13	38.24
Unknown	25	17.01	4	11.76
Total	147	100.00	34	100.00

TABLE NO. 18.

Parental Relation of Children Admitted during the Year.

	DEPENDENT.		NEGLECTED.	
	1915.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.
Had both parents	73	49.66	14	41.18
No parents	10	6.80		
Father only	20	13.60	1	2.94
Mother only	19	12.93	15	44.12
Illegitimate	25	17.01	4	11.76
Total	147	100.00	34	100.00
Step-mother	1			
Father sick or disabled ...	7	....	2	
Mother sick or disabled ...	50	....	4	
Both parents sick or disabled	5			
Head of family out of employment	36	....	6	
Intemperate father	29	....	14	
Intemperate mother	6	....	4	
Both parents intemperate,	2	....	4	
Parents separated	35	....	4	
Members of family had been arrested	36	....	10	
Parents known to have received charitable aid..	93	....	28	
Parent mentally defective,	22	....	8	

TABLE NO. 19.

Applications for Release, to Parents or Friends, Received during the Year.

	APPLICATIONS.		GRANTED.		REFUSED.		UNDER CONSIDERATION.		WITHDRAWN.	
	1915.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.	1915.	Percent.
Dependent children	97	36.33	60	32.43	11	25.58	16	66.67	10	66.67
Neglected children	35	13.11	13	7.03	17	39.54	..	....	5	33.33
From Suffolk School for Boys	135	50.56	112	60.54	15	34.88	8	33.33		
Total	267	100.00	185	100.00	43	100.00	24	100.00	15	100.00

TABLE NO. 21.

Children Discharged during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
From Indenture	30	25	55
From Boarding	32	36	68
From other Institutions	14	16	30
Total	76	77	153

TABLE NO. 22.

Discharged from Indenture during the Year.

	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
Arrived at age	3	7	10
Discharged to friends and relatives	7	12	19
Married .....	..	1	1
Self-supporting	18	3	21
Committed to Institutions	1	..	1
Adopted	1	2	3
Total	30	25	55

TABLE NO. 23.

*Applications from People desiring to take Children to Board
or on Indenture.*

APPLICATIONS.	BOARDING.	INDENTURE.
Total received	189	90
Approved	89	50
Disapproved	20	8
Withdrawn	29	9
Filled	40	30
Unfilled (on hand)	35	17

TABLE NO. 24.

Transfers during the Year.

Boys	238
Girls	260
Total	498

TABLE NO. 25.

Transfers of Indentured Children during the Year.

TRANSFERS.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
From indenture to indenture.....	56	77	133
From indenture to boarding.....	26	35	61
Total.....	82	112	194

TABLE NO. 26.

Indentured for first time during the Year.

INDENTURED.	BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
From office	3	1	4
From boarding homes	24	18	42
Total	27	19	46

TABLE NO. 27.

Ages of Children Indentured (for first time) during the Year.

AGE.	BOYS.		GIRLS.		TOTAL.
	Dependent.	Neglected.	Dependent.	Neglected.	
5 years . . . . .	..	1	1	..	2
7 " . . . . .	..	1	..	..	1
9 "	2	..	..	..	2
11 "	1	..	..	..	1
12 " . . . . .	..	..	..	1	1
13 "	2	1	2	..	5
14 "	8	5	4	3	20
15 "	3	1	5	1	10
16 " . . . . .	..	2	..	..	2
17 " . . . . .	..	..	1	1	2
Total	16	11	13	6	46

TABLE NO. 28.

Location of Children at Board and on Indenture January 31, 1916.

LOCATION.	BOARDED.					INDENTURED.				
	Number of towns where children are placed.	Number of children.	Greatest number in any one town.	Average number in one town.	Number of towns with more than five children.	Number of towns where children are placed.	Number of children.	Greatest number in any one town.	Average number in one town.	Number of towns with more than five children.
Massachusetts	98	661	*43	7	38	91	253	39	3	5
New Hampshire	1	1	1	1	:	2	4	3	2	:
Vermont	:	:	:	:	:	4	6	2	2	:
Rhode Island	:	:	:	:	:	1	7	7	7	1
New York	:	:	:	:	:	1	1	1	1	:
Connecticut	1	1	1	1	:	:	:	:	:	:
Maine	:	:	:	:	:	2	2	1	1	:
Total	100	663	45	9	38	101	273	53	16	6

* Boston. Nearly all in special homes.

TABLE NO. 29.

Classification of Homes January 31, 1916.

CLASSIFICATION.	BOARDING HOMES.			FREE HOMES.		
	Children Unrelated.	Children Related.	Total.	Children Unrelated.	Children Related.	Total.
Number of homes with one child	92	. .	92	245	. .	245
“ “ two children	59	48	107	6	2	8
“ “ three “	18	30	48	. .	2	2
“ “ four “	12	15	27			
“ “ five “	7	4	11	. .	1	1
“ “ more than five children	4	3	7			

TABLE NO. 30.

Schooling of Placed-Out Children during the Year.

	BOARDED.	INDENTURED.	TOTAL.
CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL.			
Of age (5-15)	394	59	453
Over school age	30	47	77
CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL.			
Over school age	35	164	199
Under school age	200	3.	203
Mentally unfit	1	..	1
Physically unfit	3	..	3
Total	663	273	936

TABLE NO. 31.

Average Number of Visits made to Dependent and Neglected Children during the Year.

Total number of children subject to visits (dependent and neglected)	936
Total number of visits made	3,538
Average number of visits to each child	3-|-

TABLE NO. 32.

Distribution of Children on the Rolls of this Department in the Care of other Institutions.

Massachusetts Hospital School	53
Long Island Hospital	9
Disciplinary Institution	4
State Infirmary	3
Mattapan Sanatorium	3
Westfield Sanatorium	3
American School for the Deaf	2
The Boston School for the Deaf, Randolph	2
Rutland Sanatorium	1
Boston City Hospital	1
Massachusetts General Hospital	1
Total	<u>82</u>

